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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1374

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PINT, CY, US  
SUBJECT: CYPRUS NEGOTIATION: POSSIBLE THREAT TO NICOSIA TALKS

REF: NICOSIA 1363

1. UNFICYP SENIOR POLAD GORGE TELEPHONED AFTERNOON MAY 24 TO ADVISE US OF A POTENTIAL PROBLEM FOR CONTINUED NICOSIA TALKS. DENKTASH CALLED DE CUELLAR AT NOON MAY 24 TO SAY HE WAS VERY UPSET ABOUT GOC SENTENCING DANISH SHIP CAPTAIN FOR VISITING FAMAGUSTA HARBOR (REFTEL). DENKTASH HAD JUST LEARNED THAT ON THE BASIS OF GOC ACTION LLOYDS OF LONDON HAS ISSUED A WARNING TO SHIPPING TO KEEP AWAY FROM TURKISH CYPRIOT PORTS. DENKTASH SAID THAT DE CUELLAR MUST COME TO SEE HIM MAY 25 TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AND THAT DE CUELLAR SHOULD INFORM GOC THAT DENKTASH IS LINKING THE DANISH SHIP ISSUE WITH THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. DENKTASH DID NOT INDICATE THAT HE WOULD BE CANCELLING MAY 26 SESSION NOR DID HE SPECIFY HOW HE MIGHT LINK THE TWO ISSUES. DE CUELLAR AND GORGE ASSUME THAT HE MAY AT LEAST THREATEN TO BREAK OFF TALKS.

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2. DE CUELLAR INFORMED GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS ABOUT THE DENKTASH CONVERSATION. PAPADOPOULOS TOOK NOTE AND PROMISED TO INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT BUT MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON THE SHIP CAPTAIN ISSUE.

3. DE CUELLAR IS NOT REQUESTING US INTERFENTION WITH GOT OR TURKISH CYPRIOTS AT THIS POINT BECAUSE HE IS NOT CERTAIN WHAT

ACTION DENKTASH WILL TAKE. HE SEES DENKTASH MORNING MAY 25  
AND WILL LET US KNOW OUTCOME OF HIS DISCUSSION.

4. COMMENT: DANISH AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD US THAT HE HOPES  
TO ACHIEVE THE RELEASE OF THE SHIP CAPTAIN IN THE NEAR  
FUTURE. THIS WILL NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF LLOYD'S WARNING  
TO SHIPPING. WE CAN UNDERSTAND DENKTASH'S ANGER WITH THE  
GREEK CYPRIOT ACTION BECAUSE (A) IT IS A STARK REMINDER  
OF THE DIFFERENCES IN INTERNATIONAL TREATMENT OF THE  
TWO COMMUNITIES, AND (B) IF INDEPENDENT SHIP OWNERS DO AVOID  
FAMAGUSTA, SHAKY TURKISH ECONOMY COULD SUFFER SERIOUS DAMAGE.  
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